

## HAY MAKES FLAT DENIAL.

Secretary of State Knows of No Delay or Opening of Ex-Consul Macrum's Mail.

## THE ALLIANCE STORY IS ALSO DENIED.

Declares That the United States Has No Secret Agreement with Great Britain or Any Other Country—Statement Is Made in Response to a House Resolution.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The answer of the state department to the house resolution calling for information regarding certain charges made by Late Consul Macrum was transmitted to the house yesterday by the president. It is signed by Secretary Hay, and after reciting the resolution says:

"Answering the first part of the resolution: The department of state has been in regular communication with Mr. Macrum, late consul of the United States at Pretoria, South African republic, since his entrance upon the duties of the office. Communications made to him have been answered, and the execution of instructions sent has been reported by him. His dispatches to the department, forwarded through the consulate at Lorenzo Marques, have during the past year been regularly received. The only instance of complaint in respect to the transit of the mails for Lorenzo Marques and Pretoria was in November last, when temporary stoppage of the mails occurred at Cape Town, against which Mr. Macrum and the consul at Lorenzo Marques protested. Arrangements were made for the prompt delivery of the consular mails to the United States consul general at Cape Town, by whom the mail for Mr. Macrum was forwarded to Lorenzo Marques.

Delay Only Temporary. "The delay lasted but a few days, and has not recurred, so far as the department is advised. After that time the department's mail for Lorenzo Marques and Pretoria was sent by a neutral route, which, it appears, was known and open to Mr. Macrum and Mr. Hollis as early as November 16 last. No obstacle, therefore, is here known to have existed since then to Mr. Macrum's unimpeded correspondence with the department of state. At no time while at his post did Mr. Macrum report to the department any instance of violation by opening or otherwise of his official mail by the British censor at Durban or by any person or persons whatsoever, there or elsewhere. Neither has he so reported since he left Pretoria, although having the simplest opportunity to do so by mail while on the way home and in person when he reported to the department upon his return.

## No Secret Alliance.

"Answering the second part of the foregoing resolution, the undersigned, secretary of state, has the honor to say that there is no truth in the charge that a secret alliance exists between the republic of the United States and the empire of Great Britain; that no form of secret alliance, possible under the constitution of the United States, inasmuch as treaties require the advice and consent of the senate; and, finally, that no secret alliance, convention, arrangement or understanding exists between the United States and any other nation.

JOHN HAY.

## No Knowledge of Interference.

The president's message Wednesday conveying a report of the secretary of state in answer to the Macrum resolution of the house of representatives embodied a categorical answer to the question referred to the action of the department in relation to the matter, since been given out at the state department that inquiries set on foot solely after the publication of the first statement developed that the British government has no knowledge of any interference with the correspondence of the United States consulate at Pretoria, and the official fact that if any such interference had taken place it was contrary to instructions.

## Hotel in Ashes.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 24.—The explosion of a gasoline stove in the basement of the Metropolitan hotel Friday afternoon was followed by a fire which burned that building and the Hewlett block adjoining, causing a loss of about \$100,000. The insurance amounts to about three-fourths of the loss.

## Two Men Suffocated.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 23.—A special from Lead, S. D., says that Henry Waldschmidt and Walter Moresz were suffocated by smoke from black powder while tunneling in lime rock. They were dead when found. Contractor Ed Hanschke was rendered unconscious and may die.

## Meet Next at Indianapolis.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The executive committee of the National Association of Democratic Clubs decided to hold the next annual meeting of democratic clubs at Indianapolis, Ind., September 5.

## Doomed Man Hangs Himself.

Salt Lake, Utah, Feb. 24.—To Wing, a Chinaman recently convicted of murder at Bingham City and sentenced to be shot, committed suicide by hanging himself in his cell Friday morning.

## Swept by Gales.

Boston, Feb. 26.—Gales swept the New England coast and shipping has been damaged to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars and several lives have been lost.

## Death of an Editor.

Dayton, O., Feb. 26.—Rev. Edward Lorenz, editor of the German periodicals of the United Brethren church and for 40 years a prominent minister, died in this city.

## Indiana Populists.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 23.—Populists of Indiana in state convention Thursday named a full state ticket, headed by A. G. Burkhardt, of Tipton, for governor.

## Unconstitutional.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 23.—The supreme court says the law passed by the last legislature against department stores is unconstitutional and void.

## KANSAS CITY WINS.

The Democratic National Convention Will Be Held in the Missouri City July 4.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The next national democratic convention will be held at Kansas City, Mo., July 4. The national committee yesterday issued the following call:

"The national democratic committee, having met in the city of Washington, on the 22d day of February, 1906, has appointed Wednesday, the 4th day of July, as the time, and chosen the city of Kansas City, Mo., as the place for holding the national democratic convention. Each state is entitled to a representation therein equal to double the number of its senators and representatives in the congress of the United States; and each territory, Alaska, Indian Territory and the District of Columbia, shall have six delegates. All democratic conservative reform citizens of the United States, irrespective of past political associations and differences, who can unite with us in the effort for pure, economical and constitutional government, and who favor the republic and oppose the empire, are cordially invited to join us in sending delegates to the convention."

## SHE IS THANKFUL.

Mrs. Lawton Writes to Gen. Corbin Relative to the Generosity Shown Her by the People.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Adj. Gen. Corbin has received from Mrs. Lawton, widow of Gen. Lawton, a reply to his letter of several days ago telling her that the Lawton fund, amounting to \$98,450, was at her disposal whenever she desired it. Mrs. Lawton says:

"Pewee Valley, Ky., Feb. 18, 1906.—Dear Gen. Corbin: Such kindness as yours can never be repaid, and my heart is very full when I try to thank you. Words seem very poor at such a time. Will you please believe that I do appreciate it, and all my life will find comfort in the remembrance. The universal feeling which prompted such wonderful generosity from the nation is so beautiful to me and so dear my gratitude is inexpressible profound. It has relieved the anxious thought that Henry would have had, and I do not know how to thank you or the nation. Believe me, with kind regards, very sincerely,

MARY C. LAWTON."

## MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A Dentist in New York Kills the Wife of His Employer and Commits Suicide.

New York, Feb. 26.—Mrs. E. P. Hayes, the wife of Dr. E. P. Hayes, a dentist, was shot and killed in her apartments in the Hotel Edicott by Dr. Frank Caldwell, an assistant of Dr. Hayes. Caldwell then shot and killed himself. Dr. Hayes had for years befriended Caldwell, and had given him an opportunity to advance in his profession; in fact, had considered him almost as one of his own family. As a result of this treatment, Caldwell became enamored of Mrs. Hayes, and it seems, after many rejections, decided that if he could not possess the woman he would take her out of the world with him.

## Uses a Locomotive on Runners.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 24.—The H. C. Akley Lumber company has introduced successfully in its lumber camp north of Grand Rapids a locomotive on runners which pulls a train of from ten to fifteen sleds laden with logs at a rate of from five to six miles an hour. The innovation seems destined to revolutionize methods in lumber camps inaccessible to railroads or logging streams.

## Scarcity of Laborers.

Milwaukee, Feb. 26.—Labor agents here say there is a scarcity of labor such as has not been known for years. It is almost impossible to get men for work in the northern woods, where the wages are \$30 a month. At Fort Benton, Mont., the Great Northern railroad is building a cut-off and it has been found impossible to supply all the men wanted on the work.

## Father and Children Drowned.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 26.—A tragedy happened off Narragansett pier shortly after one o'clock Sunday morning, when the barge Gen. Wiley foundered during a southeast gale. Capt. Harold and four little children were drowned in spite of all attempts to save them.

## Last of the Three.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Leland J. McCormick, the last of the trio of brothers who founded the McCormick Harvesting Machine company, died in this city, aged 81 years. He leaves a fortune estimated at \$6,000,000.

## Will Meet in New York.

New York, Feb. 24.—The republican state committee has selected New York city, April 17, for holding the state convention to elect delegates at large to the republican national convention at Philadelphia.

## How Open a Safe.

Bellaire, O., Feb. 24.—Four masked men held up the two watchmen on the ferryboat Charon here Friday, and after binding both with ropes they dynamited the safe, securing about \$200.

## For a Statue to McClellan.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The house committee on library made a favorable report on Representative Ray's bill for a statue in Washington to Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan.

## Five Killed.

Canandaigua, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The wife and four children of Peter D. Smith were killed at a railway crossing near here. Mr. Smith was badly injured.

## A Big Suit.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—The Inter Ocean Publishing company has sued the Associated Press for \$500,000 for depriving it of the Associated Press news service.

## Much Wine Destroyed.

Paris, Feb. 26.—The champagne cellars of Roger at Epervay fell in Saturday, destroying 2,000,000 bottles of champagne.

## THE PHILIPPINE QUESTION.

That and a Form of Government for Hawaii Occupy the Time of the Senate.

## THE FINANCIAL BILL CONFEREES AGREE.

The House Discusses the Porto Rican Tariff Bill and Agrees to Take a Vote on Tuesday—Charges of Ex-Consul Macrum to Undergo an Investigation.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The time in the senate yesterday was spent in debate on the right of congress to extend or withhold the constitution to territory acquired by the United States.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Discussion of the Philippine question and Hawaiian bill occupied the time of the senate yesterday.

Washington, Feb. 23.—In the observance of a custom originated several years ago the senate yesterday listened to the reading of Washington's farewell address by Senator Foraker, of Ohio.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Senator Aldrich presented the conference report on the financial bill to the senate yesterday. Senator Daniel (dem., Va.) spoke in favor of seating Senator Quay (rep.). The Hawaiian government bill was further discussed.

Washington, Feb. 26.—In the senate on Saturday the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was reported and the Hawaiian government bill was further discussed.

## House.

Washington, Feb. 20.—A resolution was adopted in the house yesterday calling upon the secretary for information regarding the charges of Mr. Macrum, ex-consul to Pretoria. The bill to abolish the use of one-sixth and one-eighth barrels in handling beer was passed and debate upon the Porto Rican tariff bill was begun.

Washington, Feb. 21.—In the house yesterday Mr. Hopkins (ill.) spoke in support of the Porto Rican tariff bill and Messrs. Newlands (nev.) and Swanson (Va.) spoke against it.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Porto Rican tariff bill was further discussed in the house yesterday, a bill was introduced to regulate sleeping car rates and a resolution was introduced for an investigation of Macrum's charges.

Washington, Feb. 24.—In the house yesterday an agreement was reached that the vote on the Porto Rican tariff bill be taken up at three p. m. next Tuesday.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The Porto Rican tariff bill was considered in the house on Saturday and a bill was introduced to provide a government for Porto Rico, the capital to be at San Juan, with a governor, a judicial system and a legislature.

## Death of President Smart.

Lafayette, Ind., Feb. 22.—Dr. James H. Smart, president of Purdue university, died Wednesday night at 10:30 o'clock, at his home in this city. He had been in ill-health for several years, as a result of overwork in his ambitious zeal to further best interests of Purdue.

## Philippine Commission.

Washington, Feb. 22.—It is announced that the Philippine commission will consist of W. H. Taft, of Ohio; D. C. Worcester, of Michigan; O. E. Wright, of Tennessee; H. C. Ide, of Vermont; Benjamin I. Wheeler and Bernard Moses, of California.

## Over the Falls.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 23.—A man between 50 and 60 years of age, supposed to be John Lazarus, of Mount Carmel, Pa., jumped from the Goat Island bridge into the upper rapids Thursday morning and went over the American falls.

## Banishment for Five Years.

Paris, Feb. 24.—In the senate, sitting as a high court, Deputy Marcel Habert, who has been on trial charged with inciting soldiers to insubordination at the time of the funeral of President Faure, was sentenced to five years' banishment.

## A Splendid Gift.

New York, Feb. 23.—Three hundred former parishioners of Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke, retiring pastor of the Brick Presbyterian church, have given about \$30,000 to be used by him to buy a home at Princeton or for any other purpose he may elect.

## Fight to Occur May 14.

New York, Feb. 24.—Unless something unforeseen happens in the meantime, James J. Corbett and James J. Jeffries will fight for the heavy-weight championship of the world in the arena of the Seaside Athletic club on May 14.

## Aged Veteran Dead.

Northampton, Mass., Feb. 26.—B. E. Cook, who as a captain of New York militia did escort duty to Gen. Lafayette on his trip up the Hudson river in 1824, died Sunday, aged 97 years.

## Death of Benjamin Wood.

New York, Feb. 23.—Benjamin Wood, who served three terms in congress and was proprietor of the New York Daily News, died at his home in this city, aged 80 years.

## Built First Steamers.

Delaware, O., Feb. 22.—Solomon Roosevelt, builder of the Baltic and Pacific, the first steamers to cross the Atlantic, died here, aged 93 years.

## Fatal Fire.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 26.—Fire damaged the steel and spring works here to the extent of \$100,000 and Timothy Keohane, a fireman, was killed.

## THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

For the Week Ending Feb. 26.

Bimetallists will hold a national convention in Kansas City, Mo., July 4.

Thirty-one girls lost their lives in a fire in a factory at Kamejima, Japan.

Indiana democrats will hold their state convention in Indianapolis June 6.

The shah of Persia is making war-like preparations in hostility to Great Britain.

The substitution of native for American troops in Cuba will begin on April 11.

Free tuition is to be given 1,000 Cuban teachers in the Harvard summer school.

A new Vanderbilt railroad line between Pittsburgh and Chicago is said to be assured.

The Rock Island railroad will have cars fitted out for traveling schools for its employees.

The American Newspaper Publishers' association has asked congress to investigate trusts.

Fusionists in Louisiana have nominated Don Caffery, Jr., of New Orleans, for governor.

The republicans of the Ninth district of Indiana have renominated Congressman Landis.

The Virginia legislature has made June 3, the birthday of Jefferson Davis, a legal holiday in the state.

Edwin C. Vance and Irving Edgar were killed by poisonous gas in a tank at the cereal mills in Decatur, Ill.

The business portion of Glen Hazel, Pa., was for the second time in recent years almost totally destroyed by fire.

Six large warehouses were burned in Paris, the loss being 2,000,000 francs, and 150 persons were seriously hurt.

James D. Richardson, of Tennessee, has been elected chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee.

Twenty business firms were burned out by a fire in Philadelphia, the loss being \$500,000, and one woman lost her life.

Mexican troops and Yaqui Indians fought near Pofam and the loss on the Mexican side was 300 killed and wounded.

Celebrations of Washington's birthday occurred at the American embassies in London, Paris, Rome, Vienna and Berlin.

Newton M. Clements, who in the early 80's represented the Sixth Alabama district in congress, died at Tuscaloosa.

The transport Sedgwick arrived at New York from Cuba with 46 discharged soldiers and the bodies of 54 dead soldiers.

Gen. John McNulta, of Chicago, an ex-congressman and civil war veteran, died suddenly in Washington, aged 60 years.

Dr. A. R. Wright, of Buffalo, N. Y., aged 75, one of the foremost homeopathic physicians of America, died in a Chicago hospital.

Judge Henry E. Howe died at Toronto, O., aged 69 years. He cooperated in the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes negro, received the decision over Joe Choyinski, of California, in the seventh round of a prize fight in New York.

The republicans of the Seventh district of Indiana have renominated Jesse Overstreet for congress, and in the Tenth district Edgar D. Crumpacker has been renominated.

## Famous Funmaker Dies.

New York, Feb. 23.—Dan Rice, the veteran circus clown, died at Long Branch, N. J., Thursday night after a lingering illness, aged 77 years. His real name was Daniel McLaren. He was born in New York. His father nicknamed the boy Dan Rice, after a famous clown in Ireland. Dan Rice made three independent fortunes. He died, however, a comparatively poor man. With his own shows he traveled over the whole United States, and also abroad.

## Killed in an Elevator Shaft.

Jacksonville, Ill., Feb. 26.—James Murray, 17 years old, was killed here Saturday. He was employed in a candy store, and went into the cellar by way of the elevator for a box. The elevator did not lock, and started up when he stepped off. He tried to stop it, and in doing so was caught by the neck, between the elevator and floor.

## Back from Manila.

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—The United States transport Hancock arrived Friday from Manila via Nagasaki and is in quarantine. The Hancock brings 100 discharged soldiers, ten cabin passengers and 506 dead bodies. Two soldiers died on the voyage.

## Buried in Arlington.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The bodies of 85 soldiers who died in Cuba were buried in the Spanish-American section at Arlington cemetery Wednesday. The burial services of the Episcopal and Catholic churches were read.

## Horses Burned.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 26.—A five-story brick building at 46 Harrison street, used as a stable by Gibbons & Pinkett, agents for Armour & Co., was destroyed by fire early Monday. Forty horses perished in the flames. Loss, \$50,000.

## Declared Unconstitutional.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 21.—The supreme court, in an opinion by Judge Robinson declared the department store law, passed by the last legislature, unconstitutional and void.

## Fatal Dynamite Explosion.

Monongahela, Pa., Feb. 23.—Two miners were killed and one fatally injured by an explosion of giant powder at their camp near here. The building was completely demolished.

## SOON TO CLOSE.

Military Operations in the Philippines to End Within a Very Short Time.

Washington, Feb. 22.—According to information received at the war department from Manila, with the end of the present expedition of Gen. Bates into the two provinces at the extreme southern part of the island of Luzon, military operations in the Philippines will close. Afterward, it is said, there is nothing to do but to undertake to maintain order through a police system. Attention is now being given to that subject and steps are being taken to form a thoroughly mobile, lightly-armed gendarmerie, something on the order of the Canadian mounted police, to cover the islands at all points and conserve the energies of the regular troops.

New York, Feb. 23.—A special from Hong-Kong, British China, to the Evening World says: "United States Consul Wildman has information that three members of the Filipino junta, Luban, Ponce and Agoncillo, brother of the envoy, left recently for Japan to meet Aguinaldo. This gives credence to the story that Aguinaldo escaped from the island of Luzon to Formosa when hunted by Gen. Lawton's expedition through the northern part of the island."

## DEATH OF DR. KEELEY.

Inventor of the Famous "Gold Cure" for the Drinking Habit Passes Away at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 22.—Leslie E. Keeley, the inventor of the "Keeley cure for the liquor habit," died in this city on Adams street Wednesday of heart disease. Mr. Keeley had been ill with a severe cold for two days, but nothing serious was feared from it. Wednesday morning while going to his bathroom he had an attack of heart failure, but recovered, and later said there was nothing serious the matter with him. Dr. West-hughes, a specialist in heart diseases, was summoned, however, but before he reached the Keeley residence Mr. Keeley had had a second attack and died. There were with him his wife and Judge Ewing, the noted Christian Scientist of Chicago, who has been stopping at the Keeley home for several days. Mr. Keeley was 68 years of age. He leaves a wife, but no children. The only heir to his estate besides his wife is his sister, who lives at Dwight, Ill., Keeley's former home.

## Attorneys Agree.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 22.—The contests over the state offices are very much simplified by an agreement entered into between the attorneys for the republicans and the democrats Wednesday, representing both sides and straightening out the legal tangle over the multiplicity of injunction suits for the title to the governorship. The agreement is that there shall be a speedy trial in the courts on an agreed case, involving all of the issues, the first hearing to be before Judge Emmett Field, at Louisville.

## Spain Will Not Get Islands.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The American flag will not come down on Sibutu island or on Cagayan island. Spain has been demanding that these islands be returned to it. The war department was ready to make the return and so was the state department up to Friday. The navy department was, however, unwilling to surrender anything it had taken, and has made its title good to the islands. The state department will inform Spain that the islands are the property of the United States and will hold them.

## Prisoners Perish by Fire.

Forest City, Ark., Feb. 26.—Frank Hogan and Charles Norris, prisoners at the station house here, were burned to death at four o'clock Sunday morning. The fire is supposed to have been started by the men in an attempt to keep warm.

## Business Firms Suffer by Fire.

Baraboo, Wis., Feb. 24.—Seven business firms were wiped out by fire at Wonevone. For a time it seemed probable that the entire village was doomed. The loss amounts to \$60,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

## THE MARKETS.

New York, Feb. 25.	
LIVE STOCK—Steers	\$4.50 @ 6.40
Hogs	5.25 @ 5.40
Sheep	5.15 @ 5.30
FLAX—Wheat, Patent	65 @ 75
Minnesota Patents	3.85 @ 4.10
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1.14 @ 1.20
May	1.15 @ 1.20
CORN—No. 2	42 @ 43
May	40 @ 41
OATS—No. 2	19 @ 20
BUTTER—Creamery	19 @ 20
Factory	16 @ 19
CHEESE—Western	15 @ 16
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Prime Beef	\$5.00 @ 5.50
Stocks	4.10 @ 4.35
Feeders	3.85 @ 4.10
Bulls	2.20 @ 4.10
HOGS—Light	4.70 @ 4.75
Rough Packing	4.40 @ 4.82 1/2
SHEEP	4.25 @ 5.50
BUTTER—Creamery	18 @ 22
Dairies	16 1/2 @ 21
EGGS	8 @ 13
POTATOES—(per bu.)	10 7/8 @ 10 3/4
LARD—May	5.52 1/2 @ 5.57 1/2
RIBS—May	5.25 @ 5.30
GRAIN—Wheat, May	68 @ 69 1/2
Corn, May	24 1/2 @ 25 1/2
Oats, May	22 1/2 @ 23 1/2
Rye, No. 2	25 1/2 @ 26 1/2
Barley, Malt	37 @ 45
MILWAUKEE.	
GRAIN—Wheat, No. 1 Nor	65 1/2 @ 66 1/2
Oats, No. 2	25 @ 26 1/2
Rye, No. 1	67 @ 67 1/2
Barley, No. 2	45 @ 47 1/2
KANSAS CITY.	
GRAIN—Wheat, May	62 1/2 @ 63 1/2
Corn, May	32 @ 32 1/2
Oats, No. 2	24 1/2 @ 25 1/2
Rye, No. 2	25 1/2 @ 26 1/2
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Native Steers	\$3.50 @ 6.00
HOGS—Packer	4.30 @ 4.80
Butchers	4.90 @ 5.00
SHEEP—Native Muttons	5.00 @ 5.75
OMAHA.	
CATTLE—Native Steers	\$3.50 @ 5.50
Cows and Heifers	3.20 @ 4.00
Stockers and Feeders	3.20 @ 5.00
HOGS—Mixed	4.75 @ 4.79
SHEEP—Western Muttons	5.20 @ 5.50

## Springtime

Is the sweetest season in human life, as it is in Nature generally. It is the time of promise. As the young girl draws near to that mysterious line where womanhood and girlhood meet, her whole destiny is in a measure being determined. How often the sweet young girl, under the influence of the change, withers and droops like some blighted bud. Nature generally needs some little help at this critical period, and this help in its best form is contained in Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription.



It establishes regularity, and gives the vigor of perfect health to the womanly organs. It contains no alcohol, neither opium, cocaine, nor other narcotic. Miss Emma Lee, of Willford, Sharp Co., Ark., writes: "I was suffering severely and tried several doctors' remedies, but received only very little relief; therefore, I feel it my duty to write and let other sufferers know what your 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Pleasant Pellets' have done for me. I took eight bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery,'